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Camelot
See more photos of HHSS' production on pages 2 and 3.

Nature's Sketchbook
This week, David Alexander Risk features ducks on page 4.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11/12 drama class spent the semester preparing to put on a production of *Camelot*. See more photos from the May 15 and 16 shows on pages 2 and 3.
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Camelot lives on

Camelot, written by playwright Alan Jay Lerner, is based on the legend of King Arthur and was performed by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11 and 12 drama students on May 15 and 16 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. /TIM YANO Special to *County Life*



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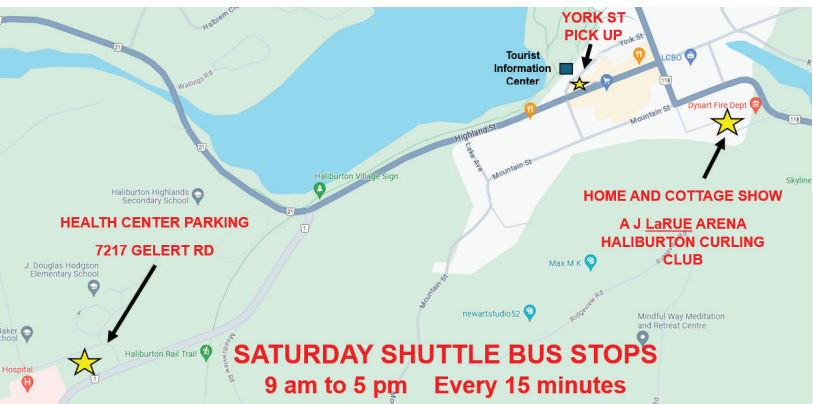
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Editorial

Bird TV

DEBORAH J REED

Special to *County Life*

We’ve taken to birdwatching for edification as well as amusement. There’s also a feral cat in our house, and since she was born five years ago under a cottage, she still feels wildness in her blood. We let her roam the acres around our little blue house until she wishes to come home, which is just before nightfall three seasons of the year.

But in winter, she hates any cold and wet in her paws, so some days she doesn’t want out at all. Or not much. Just enough to pretend to be a piece of Canadian Shield, and to hunch briefly beneath the bird feeders in case she might get lucky.

The feeders are hung directly in front of the living room window off the ends of red pine branches. Beyond the reach of normal squirrels.

Because we live in boreal forest, the variety of bird visitors is compelling enough for us to record species, gender and dates of appearance, even if we spot something one single solitary time.

We’ve noted a Scarlet Tanager, Baltimore Oriole and Indigo Bunting stop by only once ever, and I was lucky enough to have photographed all with my cellphone.

The cat was patrolling the deep woods when each



visitation occurred, and had she even been able to catch such a beauty, it would merely have been a potential victim, and not some rarer, shinier, more exciting appetizer than the ubiquitous chickadees, sparrows, woodpeckers, finches and nuthatches which generally ignore or annoy her.

Wintertime. The feeders go up before the snow while the cat still prowls. When she’s mostly indoors, she hunches atop a rescued folding stool and stares intensely through glass.

She keeps forgetting the window’s there, and some-

times lunges, knocking her skull against the barrier. Birds have long stopped scattering at her sudden noise. The regulars keep coming every day since we hung the feeders.

Today, it sleets, so the cat perches indoors in typical pounce posture. Compressed, almost devilish groans crawl out of her throat. Her claws protrude. Her tail’s a spiky brush. This doesn’t seem like classic BIRD TV. She normally just crouches there, hunting only in her mind.

I’m in the back bedroom when I hear her. I stop sorting laundry, grab my phone and tiptoe to the front window. I stand beside her, and know not to soothe her with my palm since she’s already über-electric. What in heavens is she looking at?

Wild turkeys. Six of them. Ungainly, comical, huge. Gobbling maniacally, and by far not the prettiest in the Peterson Field Guide of Eastern Birds. The cat and I are flabbergasted. She has no interest in ramming her head into solid glass. In fact, when one of the turkeys, the bolder, slightly brighter male, tightropes rather arrogantly along the thin porch rail towards the window - likely to admire his own reflection - the cat actually screams, and explodes off her stool.

The newly-folded laundry on my bed suddenly flies to the ceiling.

Top 10 things animal must think when they see fireworks

This long weekend has just passed. And with it the fireworks that we see every year at this time.

Personally, I’m not a fan of small do-it-yourself firework displays. I prefer the big shows set up by the professionals. But I am curious as to what the wild animals think when they see fireworks. Here are my top 10 guesses.

1. Humans are farting by the campfire again.

2. You know what this means? All their dogs are cowering under beds.

3. That ought to drive the bats even crazier.

4. Honestly, the northern lights are way better.

5. Apparently, this is what happens when they kiss for the first time.

6. Never heard the phrase, “Only you can prevent forest fires?”

7. Great! There goes my night vision.

8. I was sleeping over here!

9. At one with nature, my butt!

10. That’s what happens when you give a kid a chemistry set.



STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Surrender

Water sloshing beneath my green galoshes,
as I clomp along the border between Lake and shore,
the boundary, blurred, as wavelets lick sticks and stray feathers, fraying in the sand,
Wind rippling across the Lake, stained the colour of Sky, my eyes drifting out towards the scrub of island,
the pines springing from the outcropping of rocks, ringed by water, surrounded by all that space,
specks of seagulls squawking above them, while my feet remain tethered to the shore,
listening to water slurp the toes of my galoshes, still too early to swim out there, and greet the pines,
their spines, permanently bent from surrendering to Wind,
the gulls circling the tiny island, before they continue on their flight,
flocks of white melting into the mottled blue of Sky, a longing, tugging at me beneath my skin,
to feel the Lake cradle my limbs and spine, as I remember floating beneath a boundless Sky,
my body and spirit, intertwined, drenched in the bliss of breathing and being Alive,
a gust of Wind, bashing into me, shredding the memory, pulling my thoughts back to the shore,
peering down at what’s in front of me, fraying feathers and pebbles and sticks,
one with insect carvings like hieroglyphics, that I scoop up to carry with me,
as I listen to the Lake lap at my feet, leading me to the relic of a dock,
surrounded by rocks instead of water, its remains not long enough to jut out into the Lake,
its slanted planks, creaking, as I clamber onto it, my galoshes dripping Lake water onto the rotting wood,
stepping over the gaps between planks, wondering how old the dock is,
how it must have gleamed in its heyday beneath summer Sun, as feet skittered across it,
cannonballing and diving into the water, maybe swimming out to the tiny island of pines,
ringed by rocks, surrounded by all that space, having a place to swim back to, as the dock waited for them,
my fingers grazing the grooves in the planks, wondering what kind of wood the dock is made from,
as my eyes drift across the Lake again, towards the island, envying the lives of the pines,
forever intertwined with the rocks and Wind and water and Sky,
my galoshes clomping along the border between Lake and shore, my spine stooping like the pines,
feeling the weight of my steps, as my Breath surrenders to Wind.

Sylvie Kalenda



The Municipality of Dysart et al put together the New To You Community Yard Sale in the parking lot of A.J. LaRue Arena in 2022. Many residents set up tables where their items were displayed and sold. /FILE

Be part of a community yard sale

Do you need to get rid of gently used toys? Or do you have dishes or furniture that need a new home? Maybe a closet full of clothing that someone else could enjoy?

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The New To You Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, July 6, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of the A.J. LaRue Arena, 728 Mountain Street, Haliburton.

There are 35 spaces available for households to sell gently used household items from their vehicles. Preference will be given to households from Dysart. Transient traders are not

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When: May 26, 10 am
Where: MCFC Community Gardens, Minden Fairgrounds

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When: June 4, 7 p.m.
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Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.

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Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday

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Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.

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More manpower for local OPP seems unlikely

The head of the Minden Ontario Provincial Police detachment says Dysart et al council may have been premature in calling for a summer detachment in Haliburton village.

"I think they've jumped the gun on it," Sergeant Bill Bailey said Monday.

Council passed a resolution last week calling on Solicitor General Roy McMurtry to fund a summer detachment in Haliburton village similar to extra detachments which council understood were planned for Muskoka District.

But Bailey said that to his knowledge, no extra detachments will operate in Muskoka this summer. Several students have been hired to help patrol local parks, however, and Bailey noted that council may have confused the student program with extra policing.

Council also noted in its resolution that if manpower cannot be provided for a full summer detachment, at least two officers should be stationed in Haliburton village at all times throughout the peak tourist season.

That will not be possible unless the Minden detachment's strength is increased, however.

"We just can't afford to put two people there" at all times, Bailey said, but he stressed that officers would be in Haliburton "as much as possible".

"We will provide the best service we can with what we have," the detachment commander said.

The Minden detachment currently has an approved strength of 22 constables, three non commissioned officers, and Bailey, but only 21 constables are currently on the job, with another expected to arrive soon.

Since Bailey took over the Minden post three years ago, three constables have been added to the roster.

Housing group chooses name

The joint housing committee of Stanhope, Lutterworth and Anson, Hindon and Minden has proposed a name for its new corporation.

Larry Cummins, representative on the committee for Anson, Hindon and Minden, told his fellow councillors the group had chosen Staamworth, or as a second choice, Staamworth.

The local board has expressed a commitment to implement special education programs before the 1985 deadline, and the draft report includes programs already in place as well as



Curtis Eastmure as Lord Montmorency and Brenda Ellis as Miss Ophelia enlivened the Highlands Little Theatre presentation of 'Lily, the Felon's Daughter'.

Capacity crowds filled HHSS gymnasium to view the romantic melodrama, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Centre still a worry

Board member concerned about leaking, joint shrinkage, possibility logs will rot

For nearly two years, structural problems have plagued the new Minden Cultural Centre and it seems modifications of some type are needed to make the building long-lasting.

Robert Herlihey, a member of the cultural centre board, told Anson, Hindon and Minden council that the board is concerned the exterior sawn surface of the timbers might cause serious problems in the future. He explained that the rough texture of the timbers tends to soak up more water than if timbers had been adzed or planed. Adding to the board's concern is the fact that it does not know if the logs have been treated to prevent rot. Problems still exist over the placement of

the bottom timber of the building on two sheets of roofing paper and intermittently spaced shingles on top of the concrete slab.

While council agrees some improvements must be made to the building built by Ron Wrightman, it is unsure of the direction to take.

Deputy reeve Doug Pritchard told Herlihey the logs were to be treated with a substance before construction of the building. However, the builder had warned council at the time the treatment would only last for two years.

Herlihey also warned council that the building was suffering "heavy shrinkage". He said joints are open up to half an inch and the corners have pulled away in some places because of problems with the caulking.

"I think you're in for trouble," Herlihey warned. One of the most pressing problems seems to be the water that is still leaking into the building. Herlihey said it appears that because the building was built on the pad, there is little to keep the

water from running inside. He also noted the shingles that are placed randomly under the timbers to channel water into the building. Herlihey estimated that in eight to 10 years the timber will be rotten if remedial steps are not taken.

Council made no decision on the matter.

Hunter hurt by stray bullet

A hunter from Niagara Falls, New York was shot in the leg and body in a freak accident in Monmouth Township last Thursday.

John Ormsley, 43, was struck by a bullet which ricocheted off the roll bar of a jeep in which he was sitting.

Ormsley was one of four Americans who had been hunting bear together just prior to the mishap. The wounded man and two of his companions were sitting in the vehicle on Hadlington Road at approximately 11:30 a.m. while a fourth hunter, Joseph Teixeira, 51, was

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Board approves special ed. report

New teachers to be hired, new programs implemented to meet Bill 82

A draft report outlining the Haliburton County Board of Education's plans for the implementation of Bill 82 has been sent to the Ministry of Education.

The report sets out the board's intended response to provincial legislation which calls for special education programs for all students in Ontario by 1985.

A special education advisory committee appointed by the board spent several months preparing the draft report approved by trustees April 27.

Under the terms of Bill 82, local boards must provide education to meet the needs of all students within their jurisdiction by 1985. Students with learning disabilities, the trainable mentally retarded, gifted students and those with multiple handicaps are covered under the provision of the bill. If a board cannot provide programs for all students with special needs, it must purchase services from neighbouring boards or pay transportation and accommodation costs for students who attend programs in more distant areas.

The local board has expressed a commitment to implement special education programs before the 1985 deadline, and the draft report includes programs already in place as well as

programs which will be added in succeeding years.

Two special education classes are already operating at Archie Stouffer elementary school and the draft report calls for these to continue. Students also receive remedial help from staff members who work with them outside the regular classroom setting.

In addition to existing special education programs, the board intends to implement a pilot project for gifted students at Archie Stouffer in the fall of this year. Some eight or nine students are expected to participate in the program, which will involve withdrawal from the regular classroom program for up to two hours a week.

One additional teacher will be added to the staff this fall to make the programs possible.

At Haliburton Highlands Senior elementary school, junior and senior special education programs are already in place, and these will continue if the draft report is approved. Withdrawal programs for small groups of students also will continue, and a pilot project for up to 12 gifted students will begin this fall.

A program for the trainable mentally retarded also is expected to continue.

One extra teacher will be

added to the school's staff in September.

One special education class operates on a half day basis at Victoria Street School and the draft report calls for the continuation of the program. Special help will also be provided in the regular classroom setting, and a pilot project for the gifted will get underway this fall.

The report calls for one teacher to remain on staff above the number indicated by the school's pupil/teacher ratio.

At Cardiff elementary school, a special education class will be established in September of this year, and one teacher will be added to the staff to facilitate the program.

Dorset elementary school will not have extensive special education programs if the board's draft proposal is approved. Instead, students requiring more help than teachers can provide in the classroom, as well as the gifted, will be transported to Muskoka schools at the board's expense.

All teachers at Gooderham elementary school will be qualified for special education in the regular classroom setting and gifted or learning disabled students needing special programs will be transported to Haliburton.

Teachers at Wilberforce school are also expected to provide assistance in the regular classroom setting, with gifted and learning disabled students transferred to Cardiff or Haliburton elementary schools.

Special education at Haliburton Highlands Secondary school will include two special vocational classes, a full time equivalent teacher to provide remedial help in areas of Mathematics, English and Guidance, and one period for gifted students.

One full time equivalent

teacher will be added to the staff in September.

As well as the regular teaching staff, the board also intends to continue using the services of an occupational therapist, speech pathologist, speech correctionist and a psycho-educational consultant in identifying and assisting students with special educational needs.

The report outlining the board's proposals will be reviewed by the Ministry of Education and may have to be changed before it is formally adopted.

Extension of sales tax to affect local board

Like other school boards across the province, the Haliburton County Board of Education will feel the negative effects of the budget brought down last week by Ontario treasurer Frank Miller.

In an effort to bring more funds into provincial coffers, Miller extended the seven per cent sales tax to a host of previously untaxed items, including supplies purchased by school boards and building materials used by boards for capital projects. Since budget day, education officials have been scrambling

to assess the impact of the new taxes on budgets which have already been set for 1982.

Haliburton County director of education Doug Hodgson said Tuesday that he has not yet been able to calculate the impact of the extended sales tax on the local education budget. But he noted that board's 1982 budget of approximately \$7 million has little room for extra costs.

"We didn't budget for it" (the new tax) Hodgson said. "There's no way we can avoid it. It will have to come

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Elaine Jackson helps a youngster from Victoria Street school give an injection to a willing patient (a teddy bear) during open house at Haliburton Red Cross Hospital last Wednesday.

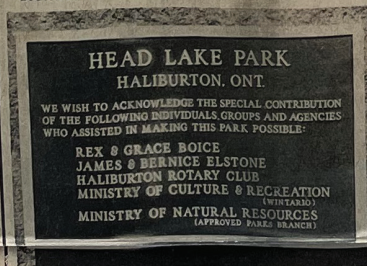
Head Lake Park opening

Plaques honouring contributions to be unveiled

Head Lake Park, Haliburton's lakeside recreational facility which has been under development for the past three years, will officially open this Sunday, May 23.

Ceremonies to mark the occasion will get underway at 2 p.m.

Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey will preside over the afternoon's events. Reverend John Smith of Lakeside Baptist Church will pronounce the dedication.



Deputy reeve Harold Bannon, councillor Roy Brohm, councillor Gary McKnight and councillor Sid Cooper will speak briefly on the history of the project and its importance to the community.

Expected to be on hand for the ceremony are county warden Ron Gambell, MPP John Ekins, MP Bill Scott, Brenda Couch, field representative for the Ministry of Culture and Recreation; Don White, regional manager for the Ministry of Natural Resources; and David Bishop, president of the Haliburton Rotary Club.

Four plaques honouring the contributions of local people and various government agencies have been installed on large slabs of rock placed at the main entrance of the park, and will be unveiled by Dysart councillors along with Rex Boice, who donated funds for a fountain in the park, and Jim Elstone, who provided technical advice to the municipality.

The day will also include musical selections by the Haliburton Legion Pipe Band, Haliburton Highlands Senior Elementary School concert band, and the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts Choral Group.

Plaque unveiling will get underway at 9:30 p.m. to conclude opening day events.



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